



John Joseph "Jack" Salley

June 12, 1949 - December 17, 2020

John J. Salley "Jack", 71 of Tallahassee, Florida passed away Thursday, December 17, 2020 at home surrounded by family. He was born June 12th, 1949, in Fall River Massachusetts, the son of the late Miriam and John F. Salley. Jack graduated from Boston's world renowned Berklee College of Music in 1972 with a Bachelor of Music/Music Education dual degree. While attending Berklee, he studied trumpet with Lennie Johnson (lead with Quincy Jones, Count Basie) and John Coffey (Boston Symphony), and was honored with the opportunity to attend exclusive advanced symphonic conducting classes with Maestro Jeronimus Kaeinskas (Prague Conservatory of Music, {Czechoslovakia}), and former conductor of the Lithuania Philharmonic Orchestra.

After graduating from Berklee he landed the touring trumpet/conductor position with The Platters (Herb Reed) where he stayed for over 2 years. The next few years were with the Roy Raydin Theatrical Productions Orchestra out of New York, doing national traveling shows backing up many of the top headline Silver Screen, Television and Vegas Acts/Entertainers of the era, including; Milton Berle ("Mr. Television"), Donald O'Conner, Eddie Fisher, Sherman Hemsley, Danny & the Juniors, The Drifters, Dean Martin's Gold Diggers, and Eddie Mecka. This gave "The Bus" and "hit and run one nighters" a whole new meaning, however, it was the greatest "on the job education" from the working elite of the industry. Jack moved from Boston to

Miami in the late 70's, with Miami offering other opportunities in much better year-round weather. Late 70's through the 80's was enjoyed with numerous engagements, events and positions including, conducting the National Arthritis Telethon (Donald O'Connor Headline Host), Show Band Leader/Contractor Carnival Cruise Lines, Sonny & Cher (Florida Shows), staff Trumpet at The Americana/Sheraton Bal Harbor for Barry Ashton & Miller/Reich Production Shows, Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey Circus, Celia Cruz, Nelson Ned, Professional Consultant & Teacher Dillard School of Performing Arts, playing Co-Contractor Fountainebleau Hilton's "Stompin at LaRond", and became a member of Meeting Professionals Int. and the Orlando Convention Bureau. In 1990 he formally started his own entertainment/music contracting company, JACK SALLEY ORCHESTRAS & SHOWS. The company's main focus was the Corporate Convention Industry, with its specialty being Ceremonial Awards Banquets. A partial client list includes; Fla. Governor's Conference on Tourism, Security Traders Association, Fla. Medical Association, National Coffee Association, Orange Bowl Presidents Ball, Tupperware, Cadillac, B.M.W., Epson, Imagination LTD. (UK), Creative Meeting Services (L.A., Bet Martin), New Jersey & Maryland Bankers Association, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians & OB/GYS, The Las Vegas Visitors & Convention Authority. Various acts/shows either performed/played, conducted, contracted and or produced for many of these events by Jack include; The Four Tops, The Temptations, The Four Preps (combined with the lead vocalists from the Association & The Diamonds), The Letterman, The 5th Dimension, Neil Sedaka, Bobby Rydell, A Whole New World Orchestra (Imagination/Disney).

Jack also built a longstanding teaching and mentoring career in his spare time for students across the South Florida region where he taught trumpet lessons privately over the span of his 30+ year professional career. He had a joy for sharing his passion and knowledge with kids starting them at an early age, usually seeing them off to college in their musical journeys.

His heart was even more dedicated to his wife, Annie and Daughter Charlotte

to which he tirelessly stayed devoted to through his career and over his lifetime. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Anne Salley (Annie) of Tallahassee; daughter Charlotte Ann Salley of Tallahassee; cousins Colleen Buckley and Maureen Reposa of Attleboro Massachusetts.

A service will be held on Tuesday, December 22nd 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at Bevis Funeral Home. The service will be available to view live online at <https://www.bevisfh.com>. To watch, click on the word Obituaries at the top of the homepage, then click on the name of your loved one, and then the green Photos and Videos tab. Staff members will be available to answer questions or help with technical issues at (850) 385-2193. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Joseph "Jack" Salley*



Bevis Funeral Home - December 22, 2020 at 09:08 AM

GA

I am so very sorry for the loss of such a great man. Thank you for having the service live streamed...my prayers and love to Charlotte, her mom, and all who love Jack.

Gabrielle - December 22, 2020 at 10:36 AM

TC

Charlotte - My heart and prayers are with you and your Mother at this time. May his memory be a blessing and a comfort. Shalom. Tonya

Tonya Chavis - December 22, 2020 at 10:38 AM

SK

One of the first bandleaders I worked for as a young adult in South Florida. Nice guy.

Scott Klarman - May 06, 2022 at 08:51 AM

GB

“ Jack and I attended Berklee College of Music in Boston together during the 70's and later that same decade we spent many long hours with Roy Radin tour backing up a variety of great acts. What fun we had. Jack and I would talk for hours about the future and what we dreamed of doing in life. He moved to Florida and I stayed in the Boston area. We kept in contact with each other or other mutual friends. Jack was a go getter. He never let grass grow under his feet. I was so sorry to hear of his wife's death and then his. He is remembered with great fondness and terrific memories we road rats carry. I miss you Jack as well as all those with whom you performed. Peace

Gerry Barrett

Gerry Barrett - December 13, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ He lived at 83 Westland Ave, Boston while attending Berklee. I lived in the same building in 1969. After I got married, my wife and I invited him to dinner often because he looked so skinny. Joe Gleason

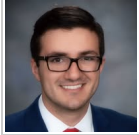
Joe Gleason - December 10, 2024 at 02:41 PM

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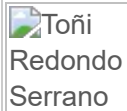


Bevis Funeral Home - December 22, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ *My trumpet teacher for 10+ years. A helluva trumpet player, but an ever better guy. RIP.*

John Zarrilli - December 22, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ *Jack, battle buddy. I will see you in heaven All of us who are going through this terrible disease promise that we will fight so that more is known about this disease and that we be part of the statistics of people who survive and not those who die. Her daughter will continue to fight with us and support the cause. Providing support to all of us who are living this terrible disease.*

Fly high friend and from heaven take care of your wife and your daughter. Nice date to go to heaven at Christmas. You will see the birth of Jesus in the first person and the Magi. My heart is with you today more than ever.

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Toñi Redondo Serrano - December 22, 2020 at 05:54 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Joseph "Jack" Salley.*



December 21, 2020 at 10:04 AM